

The Curse of Double-Digit Inflation

As a result of inflation, the scientific journals have moved from a position of break-even to one of severe deficits. Postage, printing, and paper have increased significantly in price every year. There was a small deficit for FY 79. The deficit for FY 80 is projected to be considerably larger. AIAA as an organization cannot and will not operate with major deficits year in and year out. Clearly, action must be taken to restore financial viability.

Mailing wrappers for the scientific journals cost \$15,000 annually. Elimination of wrappers represents a major saving. Several other professional societies mail journals without wrappers. Examples include ASME journals and *Physical Review Abstracts*.

On occasion your copy of the journal may arrive in a damaged condition. If that happens to your journal, write to AIAA and request a replacement copy. A replacement copy will be sent to you promptly.

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